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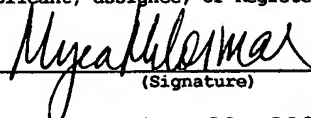
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced
application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS**Kindly cancel claim 7, 20, 24-28, 35****Kindly amend the following claims:**

1. (Amended) An isolated or substantially pure form of a nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridizing to SEQ ID Nos: 1-7 or the complementary thereof and encoding a mammalian GDNF family receptor α -4 (GFR α -4).